

## The Minutes from the written procedure of the Monitoring Committee

29 August 2024 – 12 September 2024

**In accordance with the Article 9 of the Rules of Procedures of the Monitoring Committee, as well as Annex 6 Project selection process and criteria of the Programme Manual, the written procedure was held from 29 August 2024 until 12 September 2024 on:**

- ▶ Decision on projects rejection submitted under the 3rd call for proposals, due to not meeting the criteria of the admissibility and eligibility check:
  - MobiGreEn (Mobile Biomass Boilers for Enhanced Energy Security and Circular Economy in the South Baltic Region);
  - FLOAT (Fully Living Off-grid Autonomous Tourist Facility).
- ▶ Decision to change the date and format of the 4th Monitoring Committee meeting.

### RE: 1. Background information on projects rejection:

The 3rd call for project proposals within the Interreg South Baltic Programme 2021-2027 was open between 25th April and 26th June 2024. Four project applications were submitted and subjected to the admissibility and eligibility check.

As a result of the assessment, two of the submitted projects did not meet the criteria of the admissibility and eligibility check. In accordance with ANNEX 6 Project selection process and criteria to the Programme Manual, a formal decision on rejection is made by the Monitoring Committee. Taking the Monitoring Committee decision on projects rejection on admissibility and eligibility check in this written procedure will allow the Joint Secretariat to inform the lead partners on projects' rejection.

Projects recommended for rejection are not forwarded to the quality and state aid assessment.

### Recommendation:

- ▶ It is recommended to reject projects:
  - MobiGreEn (Mobile Biomass Boilers for Enhanced Energy Security and Circular Economy in the South Baltic Region)
  - FLOAT (Fully Living Off-grid Autonomous Tourist Facility)submitted under the 3rd call for proposals, due to not meeting the criteria of admissibility and eligibility check.

### RE: 2. Background information on changes in the 4<sup>th</sup> Monitoring Committee meeting:

Due to very low number (4) of submitted project applications in the 3rd call for proposals, need for quick contracting the 3rd call projects which will be approved for funding, and taking further steps to allocate the still-available programme allocation, the JS suggests to shorten the assessment process and organize the 4th Monitoring Committee meeting earlier than previously planned, and in on-line format. At the same time, this would give the possibility to open the next 4th call for proposals earlier and extend its duration from November 2024 till February 2025 (if decided so by the MC at the meeting). This in turn shall allow for more intensive promotional measures of the call and providing greater support for potential applicants.

Therefore, we propose to accelerate the MC meeting from 27-28th November 2024 to 24th October 2024, shorten it to one day and organize it online.

Identified topics for the 4th MC meeting:

- State of play of Programme implementation; proposals to face challenges effectively
- Selection of 3rd call projects
- Update of the Programme Implementation Plan (including 4th call for proposals and next MC meetings)
- Post-2027 survey evaluation feedback and key outcomes
- Information on Polish Presidency in the EU Council I-VI 2025

As for the 4th call for proposals, it will be the subject of an MC decision during the 4th Monitoring Committee meeting, where its time and scope should be decided.

#### Recommendation:

- ▲ It is recommended to approve the change of the date and format of the 4th Interreg South Baltic Programme 2021-2027 Monitoring Committee meeting to a new date of 24th October 2024 and organize it in online format.

#### Outcome of the written procedure

The **Swedish delegation approved** the rejection of projects and date and format of the MC meeting as proposed.

The **Danish delegation approved** the rejection of projects and date and format of the MC meeting as proposed.

The **joint delegation of Euroregions approved** the rejection of projects and date and format of the MC meeting as proposed.

The **Lithuanian delegation approved** the rejection of projects and date and format of the MC meeting as proposed.

The **Polish delegation approved** the rejection of projects and date and format of the MC meeting as proposed.

The **German delegation approved** the rejection of projects and date and format of the MC meeting as proposed.

### Decision

- ▶ The decision on rejecting projects:
  - MobiGreEn (Mobile Biomass Boilers for Enhanced Energy Security and Circular Economy in the South Baltic Region)
  - FLOAT (Fully Living Off-grid Autonomous Tourist Facility)

submitted under the 3rd call for proposals, due to not meeting the criteria of the admissibility and eligibility check has been taken by the Monitoring Committee of the Interreg South Baltic Programme 2021-2027.

- ▶ Decision to change the date and format of the 4th Monitoring Committee meeting has been taken by the Monitoring Committee of the Interreg South Baltic Programme 2021-2027. The new date is set to 24 October 2024 in on-line format.